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FOR THE SECRETARY

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SUBJ: PERSONAL LETTER FROM UNSYG TO SECRETARY OF STATE

UNSYG KURT WALDHEIM HAS ASKED US TO FORWARD THIS PERSONAL LETTER TO THE SECRETARY. QUOTE: DEAR CY, AS YOU ARE AWARE, I AM NOW ENGAGED IN TALKS ON CYPRUS AND OTHER MATTERS IN THIS PART OF THE WORLD. HOWEVER, I THOUGHT I SHOULD CONVEY TO YOU MY POSITION CONCERNING THE RELATIONSHIP OF THE UNITED NATIONS TO THE JERUSALEM MEETING OF THE POLITICAL COMMITTEE. AS YOU KNOW, EGYPT ASKED ME TO ATTEND THE MEETING MYSELF. AS YOU WILL CERTAINLY UNDERSTAND, MY PERSONAL PRESENCE IN THE
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GIVEN CIRCUMSTANCES, COULD NOT BE JUSTIFIED. WHEN I DECLINED THIS INVITATION, I WAS ASKED TO SEND A SENIOR REPRESENTATIVE. (PARA) FRANKLY, THE INVITATION TO BE REPRESENTED IN JERUSALEM PRESENTS ME WITH A SERIOUS PROBLEM. I SENT A SENIOR OBSERVER TO THE PLENARY MEETING IN CAIRO IN SPITE OF CONSIDERABLE CRITICISM FROM VARIOUS QUARTERS, BECAUSE CAIRO WAS A PLENARY MEETING OSTENSIBLY

IN PREPARATION FOR THE GENEVA CONFERENCE. I FEEL, HOWEVER, THAT TO PARTICIPATE, EVEN AS AN OBSERVER, IN A SUBSTANTIVE WORKING GROUP OF TWO OF THE PARTIES IN JERUSALEM IS A VERY DIFFERENT MATTER. I HAVE NO MANDATE OR AUTHORISATION WHATSOEVER FROM THE SECURITY COUNCIL TO BE REPRESENTED IN THIS MEETING. IN OTHER CIRCUMSTANCES I WOULD REQUEST THE COUNCIL TO GIVE ME SUCH A MANDATE, BUT TO MAKE SUCH A REQUEST IN THE PRESENT CIRCUMSTANCES WOULD ALMOST CERTAINLY PRECIPITATE A HEATED DEBATE WHICH WOULD NOT HELP THE JERUSALEM MEETING. (PARA) I HAVE RECEIVED NUMEROUS DEMARCHES FROM ARAB COUNTRIES AND FROM THE SOVIET UNION INFORMING ME THAT THEY ARE STRONGLY OPPOSED TO ANY UNITED NATIONS INVOLVEMENT IN THE JERUSALEM MEETING, AND I HAVE THE IMPRESSION THAT THEY WOULD NOT HESITATE TO CALL FOR A SECURITY COUNCIL MEETING IF I WERE TO PROCEED WITH SUCH INVOLVEMENT. APART FROM CONSTITUTING A PUBLIC CHALLENGE TO THE AUTHORITY OF THE SECRETARY GENERAL, SUCH A COUNCIL MEETING WOULD CONSTITUTE A MOST UNDESIRABLE DIVERSIONARY MOVE AT A TIME WHEN DELICATE NEGOTIATIONS ARE STARTING IN JERUSALEM. (PARA) I HOPE YOU UNDERSTAND THE DELICACY OF MY POSITION AND THE REASONS FOR MY HESITATION IN SENDING AN OBSERVER TO THE POLITICAL COMMITTEE. I AM, OF COURSE, AS ANXIOUS AS ANYONE THAT THE NEGOTIATIONS SHOULD MAKE PROGRESS, BUT I DO NOT THINK UN PARTICIPATION AT THE PRESENT STAGE WOULD BE APPROPRIATE OR HELPFUL.

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INDEED IT WOULD BE LIKELY TO CREATE A MOST UNDESIRABLE CONTROVERSY. (PARA) FOR ALL THESE REASONS I AM INCLINED TO FAVOUR AN IDEA WHICH WAS DISCUSSED BY AMBASSADOR YOUNG IN HIS TALK WITH MY COLLEAGUES, ROBERTO GUYER AND BRIAN URQUHART, IN NEW YORK. I WOULD ISSUE A STATEMENT SHORTLY BEFORE THE JERUSALEM MEETING STATING BRIEFLY MY POSITION IN REGARD TO THE EGYPTIAN INVITATION. THIS STATEMENT WOULD CONCLUDE BY SAYING THAT THE SECRETARY GENERAL CONTINUES TO FOLLOW WITH THE CLOSEST INTEREST THE CURRENT EFFORTS FOR PEACE IN THE MIDDLE EAST. WITH THIS END IN VIEW, THE PARTIES HAVE INDICATED TO HIM THEIR INTENTION TO KEEP HIM INFORMED OF THE PROCEEDINGS OF THE POLITICAL COMMITTEE THROUGH LT. GEN. SIILASVUO, THE CHIEF COORDINATOR OF UN PEACE-KEEPING OPERATIONS IN THE MIDDLE EAST, WHOSE HEADQUARTERS IS IN GOVERNMENT HOUSE, JERUSALEM. (PARA) I KNOW THAT THIS RESPONSE DOES NOT FULLY MEET THE REQUIREMENTS OF EGYPT, BUT I FEEL STRONGLY THAT IT GOES AS FAR AS THE SECRETARY GENERAL SHOULD GO IN THE PRESENT POLITICAL AND CONSTITUTIONAL CIRCUMSTANCES. BEFORE PROCEEDING FURTHER I WOULD BE MOST GRATEFUL TO HAVE YOUR VIEWS AND I WOULD ALSO APPRECIATE YOUR HELP IN CREATING THE

NECESSARY COOPERATION AND UNDERSTANDING ON THE
EGYPTIAN SIDE. (PARA) I LEAVE ANKARA FOR TEHERAN
TOMORROW, 10 JANUARY, AND SHALL BE IN IRAN UNTIL
14 JANUARY. I COULD THEREFORE RECEIVE ANY COMMUNICATION
FROM YOU EITHER HERE OR THROUGH THE UNITED STATES
AMBASSADOR IN TEHERAN. (PARA) I SHALL BE INFORMING
YOU A LITTLE LATER ON OF MY TALKS HERE IN ANKARA, WHICH
AFTER MY FIRST MEETINGS WITH ECEVIT, HAVE SOMEWHAT
ENCOURAGED ME. (PARA) WITH WARM REGARDS. YOURS
SINCERELY, (SIGNED) KURT WALDHEIM. END QUOTE. SPIERS UNQTE
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